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## **Santa Barbara Area State Parks and Beaches** **Concession Opportunities** **Public Input Meeting**

SANTA BARBARA AREA STATE PARKS AND BEACHES – California State Parks is seeking public comments and suggestions for concessions for private business ventures including the camp stores at Santa Barbara area state parks and beaches. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Education Center, Refugio State Beach, 10 Refugio Beach Road, Goleta, California 93117.

This meeting is to solicit public input and ideas to help determine the future development and operation of the camp store concessions at El Capitan and Refugio State Beaches and Gaviota State Park. Concessions are private businesses operating under contract to provide products and services to enhance the park visitor's experience. Concessions include surfing lessons, camp stores, beach vending and other types of commercial businesses operating on State Park property. The information gathered at this meeting may be used in the preparation of a Request for Proposals (RFP) or other process to obtain further contracts.

El Capitan State Beach is located off Highway 101, 17 miles west of Santa Barbara and offers visitors sandy beach, rocky tide pools, and stands of sycamore and oaks along El Capitan Creek. There are 136 campsites, in addition to biking and hiking trails, fishing and swimming activities are also available.

Refugio State Beach is located 20 miles west of Santa Barbara off Highway 101 and offers excellent coastal fishing as well as trails and picnic sites. There are 70 campsites available at this park unit.

Gaviota State Park is located 33 miles west of Santa Barbara off Highway 101. The park is a popular spot for swimming, picnicking and surf fishing. This coastal park has 50 campsites, horseback trails, hiking, fishing and swimming activities are also available.

For more information please visit our web-site at [www.parks.ca.gov/concessions](http://www.parks.ca.gov/concessions) or contact Jann Bullock at (916) 653-6817.

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